



Clinical Electives Program for Medical and Dental Students



The National Institutes of Health (NIH) offers short term (four- to 12-week) clinically oriented elective rotations to senior medical or dental students in a multitude of specialty fields and biomedical disciplines at the NIH Clinical Center, the world's largest hospital devoted to human subject research. Elective rotations provide highly qualified students with the opportunity to have direct experience in the care of patients enrolled in investigational protocols under the direct mentorship of world renowned clinician-scientists. Participants also learn about the design and conduct of clinical trials and fundamental principles of translational medicine while evaluating or treating patients in clinic, or on the wards.



Clinical Research Training at the National Institutes of Health

Training the Next Generation of Clinician-Scientists

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The NIH Clinical Center is located on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Its mission is to translate scientific observations and laboratory discoveries into new approaches for diagnosing, treating, and preventing disease. Principal investigators who are appointed as attending physicians at the Clinical Center, enroll patients in over 1,400 medical and surgical research protocols annually. This state-of-the-art hospital has 240 inpatient beds and multiple ambulatory clinics accommodating approximately 6,000 admissions and over 100,000 outpatient visits each year.

For additional information, including eligibility criteria and instructions for application, please visit our website at:

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